

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 30, 2004. Claims 1 to 4, 6 to 14 and 16 to 25 remain pending in the application, with Claims 5 and 15 having been cancelled herein. Claims 1, 11, 21 and 23 to 25 are the independent claims herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to address typographical errors noted therein. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1 to 7, 9 to 17 and 19 to 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,073,075 (Kondou), and Claims 8 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kondou in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,737 (Snowdon). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The present invention concerns transmitting data between file servers that may exist, for example, on different networks located in different areas. According to the invention, a user may upload document data to a file server on a first network. Then, if the user moves to a new location and, for instance, wants to print out the document data on the file server of the first network, the user's location is determined. Based on the user's new location, the document data is transmitted from the file server on the first network to another file server located nearest the user's new location. The transmitted document data can then be transmitted by the new file server to a printer in the user's new location for printout. Thus, the user can have the data automatically transmitted to his new location

and printed out without having to manually access the file server that originally stored that data and without having to manually download and print the data.

Referring specifically to the claims, amended independent Claim 1 is a data output system in which a plurality of output apparatuses and a plurality of information accumulating apparatuses are connected together through a network, and data stored in one of the plurality of information accumulating apparatuses is output by one of the plurality of output apparatuses, comprising pursuing means for pursuing a user's location, data transmission means for selecting one of the plurality of information accumulating apparatuses that corresponds to location information indicative of the user's location pursued by the pursuing means and transmitting data that has been stored in another of the plurality of information accumulating apparatuses from the another information accumulating apparatus to the selected information accumulating apparatus, and output processing means for transmitting the data transmitted to the selected information accumulating apparatus by the data transmission means from the selected information accumulating apparatus to the one of the plurality of output apparatuses in accordance with an instruction from the user for the output of the data.

Amended independent Claims 11, 21 and 23 to 25 are method, terminal, apparatus, storage medium, and computer program claims, respectively, that include features which substantially correspond to those included in Claim 1.

The applied art, alone or in any permissible combination, is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of Claims 1, 11, 21 and 23 to 25. More particularly, the applied art is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the feature of selecting one of a plurality of information accumulating apparatuses that corresponds to a user's location and

transmitting data that has been stored in another of the plurality of information accumulating apparatuses from the another information accumulating apparatus to the selected information accumulating apparatus, and transmitting the data transmitted to the selected information accumulating apparatus from the selected information accumulating apparatus to one of a plurality of output apparatuses in accordance with an instruction from the user for the output of the data.

Kondou is merely seen to disclose a mobile terminal 10 informing a server 21 of positional information on a current position and destination of the terminal, whereby the server 21 retrieves service information from a database based on the positional information and sends the retrieved information to the mobile terminal. Thus, the server 21 merely receives the positional information from the mobile terminal and transmits the service information to the terminal, but the server 21 does not select one terminal from among a plurality of terminals that corresponds to the positional information. That is, regardless of the positional information of the mobile terminal 10, the server 21 always transmits data to the same mobile terminal and does not determine any terminals or servers located nearest the positional information of the mobile terminal so that the server can transmit data to the selected terminal. Accordingly, Kondou is not seen to disclose or to suggest the foregoing features of the present invention.

Snowdon has been studied but is not seen to add anything that, when combined with Kondou, would have rendered the present invention of Claims 1, 11, 21 and 23 to 25 obvious. In particular, Snowdon, like Kondou, is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the feature of selecting one of a plurality of information accumulating apparatuses that corresponds to a user's location and transmitting data that has been stored

in another of the plurality of information accumulating apparatuses from the another information accumulating apparatus to the selected information accumulating apparatus, and transmitting the data transmitted to the selected information accumulating apparatus from the selected information accumulating apparatus to one of a plurality of output apparatuses in accordance with an instruction from the user for the output of the data.

In view of the foregoing, amended independent Claims 1, 11, 21 and 23 to 25, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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